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EDITORIAL

What Age Is "Too Old"?

THE WATCHMAN EXAMINER of December 1, 1949, carried
the following:

A lifelong dream has come true for Albert Sidney Johnstone, one
of Richmond's best known citizens. At the age of 65, when most men
are thinking about retirement, Mr. Johnstone has been ordained as a
Presbyterian minister and has received his first call, to a church in
the nearby town of Ashland, Va. For 29 years, Mr. Johnstone was with
the Federal Reserve Bank in Richmond, 27 of those years as personnel
officer. Two years ago, he went on the bank's retirement rolls, but
only in order to begin ministerial training at the Virginia Union The-
ological Seminary, Richmond. He was ordained in May of this year,
preached at various churches during the summer, and now has received
his first call.

Mr. Johnstone felt the need of ministerial training and started
at 63 years of age to secure it and did secure it. This shames the
man who claims the call to preach and will not prepare himself
for it. The call to preach places upon one the responsibility
to prepare for it. That call places upon him the responsibility
to "study to shew thyself approved unto God, a workman that
needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth,"
and to "stir up the gift that is in thee." If one cannot possibly
go to school (a thing which he ought to be exceedingly slow to
conclude), then he can study at home as others have done.

Mr. Johnstone was ordained and was called as pastor of a
church at the age of 65. Some churches will not call a man
who is that old. They even begin to look askance at him when
he is 40. Thus they wrongly deprive themselves of the balanced
message and leadership of such men, who are then really in their
prime. The apostle, "being such a one as Paul the aged,"
could not get a call to some churches today. High commenda-
tion is due that church which called Mr. Johnstone, and some
Baptist churches should learn a lesson from it.

After all, what age is "too old?" Nothing against the young
preacher is here said or implied. But there is a place for the
young preacher and also for the man of mature age, if he is
in possession of his faculties. And the leading of the Spirit, and
not the age of the man, should determine the call to the pastorate
or to some other position in the Lord's service.

A Change In the Location of Paradise?

A CORRESPONDENT points out that Paradise is now where (I
is. But he raises the question whether it has been chan-
from the location it had before the death of Christ and requ-
our comments. He makes the following suggestions, in p

1. Before the death of Christ Paradise ("Abraham's bosom")
hell were in sight of and talking distance of each other (Luke 16:19-
20:17).
2. Jesus said that He would take the thief to Paradise (Luke 23:
but later told Mary that He had "not yet ascended to my Father" (I
20:17).
3. It was through His death that Jesus was to "deliver them
through fear of death were all their lifetime subject to bondage" (I
2:14, 15; 10:1-4). Since no sin could enter heaven, it seems that
lievers before Christ in their disembodied state had to wait somew-
besides the presence of God until Jesus paid the price of their salva-
4. How could Jesus be "the forerunner" of believers "within
veil," if somebody had entered there before Him? (Heb. 6:20;
1:18; Acts 13:39).

The Editor's Comments

1. The word "hell" in Luke 16:19-31 is *hades* in the Gr-
and means "The unseen world" (Scofield); "The common
ceptacle of disembodied spirits" (Thayer). Lazarus was "
and "afar off" in the Paradise division thereof and the
man was in the torment division. But this does not prove
there was or was not a change in the location of Paradise a-
the death of Christ.

2. In His word to Mary, Jesus meant that He had
ascended to the Father in *His resurrection body*. But in
disembodied state He had ascended into Paradise in the prese-
of God and had carried the penitent thief with Him.

3. The fear of death on the part of the people referred to
Heb. 2:14, 15, was in "their lifetime." Certainly they had
fear of death *after* death. Therefore, any deliverance from
bondage which they may have had was also in "their lifetim-
Like people without Christ now, they were "all their lifeti-
subject to bondage" until they were delivered from it. Ch-
now delivers people at the point of faith from the fear of de-
in its moral and spiritual aspects. What about believers bef-
Christ?

In the redemptive plan, purpose and reckoning of G-
Jesus stands as "the Lamb slain from the foundation of
world" (Rev. 13:8). This always contemplated the histori-
cross, which was to express it objectively. On this basis a-
in view of the coming historical cross, believers before Ch-
looked forward to Him in trust (John 8:56) even as believ-
now look to the cross retrospectively. At the point of their fa-
these believers before Christ were saved (Rom. 4:3; Luke 1:7
79; Heb. 11:8-16). Hence, they also were delivered from
fear of death in its moral and spiritual aspects. As an exam-
look at old Simeon in Luke 2:29, 30: "Lord, now lettest th-
thy servant depart in peace. . ."

4. Jesus is "the forerunner" "within the veil." This mea-
that He has opened the way there and that through His me-
believers enter there. They enter there in their disembodi-
state and in the resurrection shall enter bodily there. Wl-
about believers before Christ? Well, study II Kings 2:11, Lu-
16:24 and Luke 23:43 for examples of believers before Ch-
who ascended into heaven into Paradise. See also Matt. 17:
That Jesus is "the forerunner" no more proves that no believ-
entered "within the veil" before Jesus re-entered bodily the-
than the fact that Jesus is "the first-fruits" of believers
resurrection (I Cor. 15:20) proves that no saints were ev-
raised from the dead before Christ was raised (Matt. 27:5
53).

So far as the editor is now able to see, Paradise is still "u-
and "afar off" where it has always been (II Cor. 12:1-4).

A Digest of Religious Thought

By RUSSELL BRADLEY JONES, Contributing Editor, CHATTANOOGA, TENNESSEE
Neither the editor nor contributing editor necessarily concurs in the opinions expressed on this page unless so stated.

Habit of Yelling In the Pulpit

Bert Heath in "Baptist New Mexican"

It is deplorable that some of our ablest preachers have allowed themselves to get into the habit of yelling their sermons at their congregations. It is no tribute to the intelligence of such congregations and it is presumptuous to think that force can be added to the word of God by such extensive practice. The word of God is a sick and powerful and sharper than any two-edged sword and it were better to rely on the power of the word than on vocal efforts.

Much of the value of a sermon is lost by such bad taste in delivery, often powerful sermons, that had the speaker trusted the power of the spirit, rather than vocal efforts, they would have brought results rather than failure.

(Brother Yeller (I didn't say "yellow"), stop it!—R.B.J.)

Someone Taking Part of our Pastor's Pay?

The New Jersey Baptist Bulletin

Someone may be taking part of the salary money that ought to come to your pastor each week. Yes, that happens in many churches. For example, a pastor of a small church was receiving a starvation wage. A little survey revealed that members of his congregation were sending week by week to a radio preacher more money than they were giving to their own pastor!

These church members are not doing this because they are wicked. They simply do not know what they are doing. They just did not think! If they had thought, these things would have gone through their minds: (1) Their own church and its program of evangelism, Christian teaching and missions, has first claim upon them for support. (2) Their own church deserves that support because it can help their community more than a far-away radio preacher. (3) Their own pastor is working for Christ in their locality, and he is more important to their community's welfare than any radio preacher. Contributing to a big income for a radio preacher while starving the local preacher is poor stewardship.

(Think it over if you are one this article is talking about.—R.B.J.)

Creedalism Cannot Meet Needs

G. Earl Guinn in "Baptist Standard"

The march of Communism today is an irrefutable argument against the ability of creedal Christianity to meet the needs of mankind. The creedal type of Christianity will never meet the needs of man due to its inability to produce a life-changing experience. Creeds are helpful as an aid to and as an interpretation of religious experience, but must never become a substitute for it. Personal acceptance of a creed must never be confused with personal acceptance of Christ. Preaching must be kept Christ-centered. The claims of Christ as a living person must be pressed upon men as living persons. This is essential to the survival of spiritual, life-ennobling religion. The possibility of universal experience of Christ is the one hope that men shall be able ultimately to walk together in peace and live together amicably in the world-house that all have inherited.

(Don't forget this.—R.B.J.)

A Sunday Tragedy

Church Chimes

Sunday school was over. A door opens. An attractive young woman comes out carrying her Bible under her arm. A little group of girls is thronging around her, affectionately they follow her down the street.

Another door opens. Another teacher comes out with Bible in hand. He is a middle-aged man. He is going home. So is his class of young men or adolescent boys. Another comes out and still another; and their pupils are following them. The very teachers to whom the destinies of boys and girls have been entrusted, are leading them away from the worship of God's people at the Lord's appointed hour on the Lord's Day. Unwittingly these teachers are leading the unsaved away from the Saviour. The Sunday school teacher who, by his example, leads boys and girls away from the worship service following the teaching period has done more harm by that act than he did good by teaching the lesson during school.

(Our greatest Sunday school need is teachers fully surrendered to Christ.—R.B.J.)

Building Buildings Or Building Lives

Florida Baptist Witness

We were startled by the comment of a layman the other day when he was overheard to say, "The churches get a lot more enthusiastic about building buildings than about building lives." The admission must be made that in all too many cases the man is right. We have seen churches become so engrossed in their building programs that they lost sight of their first business, the saving and building of lives, the evangelizing and utilizing of those who will take Christ as Saviour and Lord.

On the other hand are at least some churches who have not only kept in mind the value of great church plants and good equipment but have continued to practice right through long periods of construction the very evangelism and training which their buildings are designed to facilitate and increase. It can be done! Let the enthusiasm for building buildings be geared at the same time to an enthusiasm for building lives, and we shall have gained both the buildings and the people.

(Important!—R.B.J.)

Atom Bomb Furor

Baptist Messenger

In the confused clamor of voices crying out in comment on the Russian acquisition of the atom bomb, one note seems sadly missing. There are expressions of fear and suggestions of strategy, but nowhere have we heard the voice calling evangelical Christians to redoubled efforts in giving the Gospel message to the world, because the world as we know it may shortly no longer exist.

Ours may be the last generation in which a program of advance in foreign missions will be practical. This is not a statement for sensation, it is a sober facing of cold fact. The winning of millions may be literally now or never.

Years are short and days are fast passing. Let every preacher's voice ring clear and strong the truth of salvation in Christ. Let every Christian miss no opportunity for witnessing. Whatever the future holds, let us be faithful NOW.

(Good advice any time—but especially NOW.—R.B.J.)

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Eighth Baptist World Congress

Cleveland, Ohio, 1950

AS EVERYBODY knows by now the next Baptist World Congress is scheduled for July 22-27, 1950, in Cleveland, Ohio.

The preliminary program has been released from Baptist World Alliance, Headquarters in Washington, and gives promise of a highly profitable and interesting time.

The Congress Theme is taken from the prologue to John's Gospel: "And the Light Shineth in the Darkness." The Light motif runs through the program from the first day to the last. The Key-note address at the opening session on Saturday afternoon, July 22, is on the subject: "I am the Light of the World." The closing address on the last forenoon of the Congress, Thursday, July 27, will be from the text: "Ye are the Light of the World." In between will be found subjects like "The Light of Peace," "The Light of Liberty," "The Light of Education," etc.

Following the lines of the Keynote address, there will be a devotional speech at the opening of each morning session, Monday through Thursday, on four other "I am's of Christ:" "I am the Door," "I am the Way," "I am the Truth," "I am the Resurrection and the Life."

Among the other subjects for addresses we might mention "Christianity in the Atomic Age"; "The Basic Freedom"; "The Importance of Europe in the World Picture"; "Totalitarianism and the Individual Conscience"; "Christian Light on Human Relationships"; "Baptism in Present Day Theology"; "Evangelism Today"; "Every Baptist a Missionary"; "The Missionary Outlook Today"; "The New Testament, the Common Basis of Baptist Fellowship"; "The Body of Christ"; "The Christ of Every Day," etc.

CONGRESS SPEAKERS

Speakers who are at this moment definitely expected to give addresses at one of the plenary sessions are Dr. M. E. Aubrey, General Secretary of the Baptist Union of Great Britain and Ireland; Dr. Baker J. Cauthen, Secretary for the Orient of the Foreign Mission Board of the Southern Baptist Convention; Dr. E. T. Dahlberg, twice President of the Northern Baptist Convention; Dr. Herbert Gezork of Andover-Newton Theological School, Massachusetts, who is considered especially qualified to speak on the subject of Totalitarianism; Rev. W. L. Jarvis, prominent preacher of Sidney, Australia; Dr. Kenneth S. Latourette of Yale University, Connecticut, world-historian and specialist on missions; Dr. Robert G. Lee, of Tennessee, eminent preacher, and twice President of the Southern Baptist Convention; Dr. F. Townley Lord, pastor of Bloomsbury Central Church, London, editor of the "Baptist Times," and past-president of the British Baptist Union; Dr. Benjamin Mays, of Moorehouse College, Georgia, prominent educationalist and

leader among the colored Baptists of the U.S.A.; Dr. Robert J. McCracken, of Scotland, Canada and the U.S.A., who not long ago gave that remarkable sermon on "The Lordship of Jesus" at a session of the Northern Baptist Convention; Dr. M. F. McCutcheon of Montreal, President of the Baptist Federation of Canada; Principal Johannes Norgaard, Denmark, honored host of the Copenhagen Congress in 1947; Professor Ernest Payne, Regent's Park College, Oxford, England, already prominent as a theologian; Dr. E. McNeill Poteat, formerly president of Colgate-Rochester Theological School, now pastor in North Carolina; Rev. Henri Vincent of Paris, pastor of the Avenue du Main Church and trusted leader of French Baptists; President W. R. White, of Baylor University, Texas, the largest Baptist school in the world. Other names will be

announced from week to week as picture grows clearer.

Later on we shall be able to speak more of special features on the program, the numerous sectional meetings, and work of the seven Commissions.

TRUMAN WILL SPEAK

The President of the United States is expected to speak in the stadium on the night of the first day. A great choir of four to five thousand voices will sing. A never-to-be-forgotten feature that evening will be the Roll Call and March of Nations.

The Presidential address of Dr. C. C. Johnson, President of the Baptist World Alliance, will be given Sunday afternoon. The Congress Sermon by M. E. Aubrey is scheduled for Monday evening. The great pageant on "The Light of Liberty" will be given on Tuesday night. Missionary night, which features short addresses by nationals from various parts of the world, will be Wednesday. At a number of meetings "World Glimpses" of three to four minutes each will bring us messages from many parts of our Fellowship scattered throughout six continents and sixty countries. The whole program will come to fitting close with the induction of the new president, and the Coronation Address Thursday evening.

THE COOPERATIVE PROGRAM—Magnifies the Pastor

By L. G. FREY

Only the older members of our churches remember the former plan of gathering contributions for our missions and benevolence programs. It would have been mirth-provoking had there not been so much tragedy wrapped up in it.

A special representative from each of the ten or twelve different agencies and institutions would attempt to make the more able churches during the year, preach and pass the hat. Usually an appeal to the emotions was made, and for the first few speakers this brought sympathy, tears, and folding money.

There was no cooperation among these representatives; consequently, several followed one right after another. This painful sequence had a tendency to callous the church members' sympathies, close their pocket books, and cramp the pastor's program for his church.

By the time the last representative showed up, stories that usually stirred the emotions, brought the tears, and produced good offerings fell on deaf ears and aroused no response whatever. The causes presented were legitimate, the church members were not hopelessly indifferent; but the system was wrong. The pastor who had the confidence and respect of his people had little or no consideration, except to furnish an assembled congregation.

The Cooperative Program, a product of pastors, has changed the procedure completely. Now the pastor is accepted as the rightful leader of his people. He knows their financial ability. He knows the Plan, and can keep it regularly before his people.

Appeal now is made to the intellect as well as to the heart. The Christian program is the most reasonable thing in the world. It appeals to the minds of Christian people. They will respond when they understand from the head and the heart.

God is the author of order and system in everything, except the finance in some Baptist churches. We believe He will bless order and system here if given opportunity.

That is why the churches that are consistently reaching the lost and maturing them have system in their finances. A fair share of the year's offerings are arranged for in the church's treasury for outside missions and benevolences. A check goes out each month in accordance with the plan and the Lord's work is advanced.

On this plan the pastor leads his church without any outside interference. He is God's respected leader of the flock. This is one reason why the pooling of mission money works.

"DEACONS DO 'DEAK' "

By J. D. GREY

THE FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH, New Orleans, enters its second year of using the rotation of Deacons. The entire church seems to be convinced that the plan is practical and will result in a more progressive service by these ordained servants of the Lord.

On January 1, 1950, twelve new Deacons began serving a three-year term. After their term is up they are eligible to re-election only after one year has elapsed.

The church has 36 "elective" Deacons divided into groups of twelve, each of whom serve three years. It has seven "life" Deacons who were 65 years of age and/or who had served 25 years as Deacons when the plan was inaugurated. These "life" Deacons will serve until death or some other cause removes them. These 43 brethren are considered "active" Deacons in the church.

SELECTION OF DEACONS

Each year the church elects a committee on Deacon Nominations. This committee, in conference with the pastor, compiles a list of available men and receives nominations from individual church members. This list is studied carefully and prayerfully. The committee considers these men in the light of the qualifications for Deacons in I Timothy 3:8-13 and in the light of their activity in the church. When the desired number have been tentatively approved for nomination, the pastor is requested to present the matter to the men selected. This conference is usually held in the home with the man's wife or in the pastor's study. The qualifications of a Deacon and the honor and service of the office are explained, the man is informed that he and his wife will be asked to answer three specific questions before the church at the time of ordination. When the man and his wife give their consent to have his name nominated to the church, the conference is concluded with a season of prayer. The committee then makes its report to the church in conference as soon as the desired number of men have given their consent to be nominated.

DEACONS ORDAINED

On Sunday morning, December 18, at eleven o'clock worship service, which was broadcast over two New Orleans radio stations, the twelve new Deacons were ordained. These men with their wives met the pastor in his study fifteen minutes prior to the beginning of the service for the last minute conference and a season of prayer. Just before eleven these men and their wives marched into the auditorium and occupied the second row of seats just behind the present Deacons who always sit on the front row. During the ordination, the name of each man and his wife was called. They were asked three questions and indicated their answers before the whole congregation: (1) "Do you believe in and will you follow the Bible plan of Christian stewardship, the tithe as the minimum?"

(2) "Unless providentially hindered, will you attend one of the morning worship services, the Sunday night service each Lord's Day, and the Wednesday evening Prayer Meeting?"

(3) "Will you cooperate with the Pastor, your fellow Deacons, and the entire church in supporting the whole church program?" (For the wives, the question was added, "Will you work in the Woman's Missionary Union?")

The wives are seated and the Deacons elect form a line in front of the pulpit facing the congregation. The scriptures on the diaconate have been read from I Timothy 3:8-13 and Acts 6:1-7. The Deacons elect kneel, a beloved and esteemed Deacon leads the ordaining prayer and then led by the present chairman and the pastor, the ceremony of laying on of hands follows. The men take their seats with their wives and the pastor delivers a message to not only the honor of being a Deacon, but the duties and responsibilities. The new Deacons stand at the front following the benediction and the congregation passes by to give them Christian greetings.

DEACONS PRESENTED BOOK

Following the service a group picture of the new Deacons is made with the pastor; then each is presented a copy of the splendid book, "Honoring the Deaconship" by P. E. Burroughs. New Deacons will be assigned by the chairman to various activity committees of the church including the work of welcoming and interviewing new members at the conclusion of each service. This committee explains to the new members as soon as they join the church how our program is carried on. The new members are asked to indicate their record of activity in other churches and to indicate what service they would like to render with us. They are also presented our financial program and asked to sign a pledge card.

It is our belief that if any church will in a spiritual and cordial manner study the plan and adopt it, it will do away with all criticism such as "long-horned Deacons," or "Deacon dictators," and will change the Deacons in any church from a "supreme court" "passing upon all matters from the work of the janitor to that of the pastor" into a group of loyal, hard-working, trusted and respected servants of Christ who truly are the pastor's helpers and not hinderers. In other words, it produces, "Deacons who deak!"

LONG-TIME SUBSCRIBERS

By Fred Noe

SOME TIME AGO an effort was initiated to determine the BAPTIST AND REFLECTOR subscriber with the longest record for a subscription. A large number of replies have been received, but as sometime happens during such quests, the subscriber with the longest record was located right in the office of the State Executive Board.

FETZER SUBSCRIBED IN 1893

Noah B. Fetzer, bookkeeper for the Executive Board of Tennessee Baptist Convention since 1911, began reading the paper in his father's home in 1885 and has been a regular reader since that date. His first subscription in his own name was made in 1893 when he was attending Carson-Newman College, 57 years ago.



NOAH B. FETZER

Known to Baptists throughout the state for the courteous and mild-mannered way in which he handles his affairs, Mr. Fetzer says that he is a Baptist—"first, last, and always; and there is no use arguing about it!"—and that the BAPTIST AND REFLECTOR has meant much in keeping him in touch with denominational life, beliefs, and practices through the years. With his reading acquaintance with the paper for sixty-four years he should know whereof he speaks.

Mr. Fetzer is a deacon at Belmont Heights Church, Nashville, and has been a teacher of a men's Sunday school class for thirty years. Mrs. Fetzer is the former Daisy Lee whom he married in 1910, after, Mr. Fetzer says, "courting her twenty years."

Other subscribers of long standing are:

W. E. McGregor, retired minister, Bulls Gap...	48 years
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J. G. Minton, New Middleton	41 years
Dolly Hudson, Hamilton, Ohio	40 years
J. W. Mount, Pineville, La.	40 years

Newest South American Mission Field Potentially the Greatest

By Marjorie Moore Armstrong

CARACAS, VENEZUELA—We have just attended midweek prayer service in this, our first stop on a tour of South America. Here is the growing, bustling, oil-rich metropolis of the northernmost country of this southern continent, Baptists meet in a small rented building next to the corner of one-way streets.

This is the newest mission field of Southern Baptists in all South America. And one of the most promising. For in the whole country—at least as large as Texas—with 3,500,000 inhabitants, and thousands pouring in from Europe, are only four Baptist churches. The capital city, Caracas, with its half million people, has only one.

It seemed almost like home to visit with the missionary couple assigned to Venezuela—Thomas L. Neely and Carolyn Switzer Neely—for they are from Spartanburg, S. C. (Marjorie's home town). In the prayer service was Mrs. Dean Fitzgerald, the former Betty Bean of Springfield, Mo. (O. K.'s home town). The day after he met us, Tom Neely had to leave for Colombia to attend the second annual Colombian-Venezuelan Baptist Convention meeting at Cartagena. His wife and small son, Harry, took good care of us in their two-bedroom apartment.

The Neelys are young, vigorous, and aggressive in evangelical leadership in South America. Tom was graduated from Southwestern Seminary in 1941. He and Carolyn were appointed for Colombia in 1942, spent eight years there, and moved to Venezuela last year.

NEW CHURCH ADVANCING

The Caracas church is only three and a half years old. It was founded by Venezuelan Baptists, under the leadership of young Julio Moros, the present pastor, and president of the convention. His Sunday school superintendent, Oscar Caldon, purchasing agent for the huge Shell Oil Co., here, led prayer meeting. Oscar's brother, Luis, young executive of the Gulf Oil Co. in Caracas, is the church music director. They, with their wives, are typical of the laymen who lead the Baptists in this country.

The church is 75 per cent self-supporting. It pays its pastor \$300 a month, plus his life insurance and special transportation expense. It pays all its own operating expenses, except rent. The average monthly offering of the church of 75 members is \$650, and a spontaneous offering Christmas Day totaled \$800.

The small rented quarter in the heart of the city is not full Wednesday nights because so many of the church members attend night schools, but Bautista Iglesia ("Baptist Church") is packed to the doors Sunday mornings and evenings. For months they have tried to rent a larger hall; no vacant one can be found. So they are building.

JARMAN FOUNDATION AID

The Jarman Foundation made it possi-

ble to buy excellent property in downtown Caracas for \$105,000, and the Sunday School Board's architecture department offered blueprints for an adequate three-story house of worship and training about 70 feet wide and 160 feet deep.

With those plans revised to meet local building requirements, and specifications for a \$200,000 project, the church will begin to build this spring. Tom Neely will play the role of contractor. He built three church houses during his service in Colombia, and knows how to eliminate waste, constructing substantial buildings in a Latin country at absolute cost. He wasn't reared in a lumberman's home for nothing!

The Neelys told us of congregations of believers scattered all over Venezuela who have formed churches which are Baptist in principle, just through reading the New Testament. "I have been invited to preach at several such churches," Tom Neely said.

Mr. and Mrs. O. K. Armstrong are on tour of South America by air. Mrs. Armstrong was managing editor of The Commission from 1942 until December, 1949.
—Editor

"The people are hungry for the evangelical gospel. Increasingly they want religious freedom with separation of church and state. We now have about 200 Baptists in all Venezuela. We could easily have 200,000 in ten years' time."

What an opportunity for Baptist missions in the richest, most cosmopolitan country of South America!

Letter From Missionary Abernathy

DEAR FRIENDS;—

After repeated requests from Korean Baptists to our Foreign Mission Board that they send missionaries to help them; and after a careful survey of the field by Dr. Cauthen, Secretary for the Orient, he and the Foreign Mission Board asked us to consider going to South Korea to work and study the field for a minimum of a year. If at the end of a year it is felt Southern Baptists should project a long term program in that field we are to make such recommendations to the Board.

During the survey of South Korea, Dr. Cauthen found 40 active Baptist churches that were organized into a convention. Many of these churches had been carrying on over a period of two generations without any missionaries to help or encourage them. The five years following the bombing of Pearl Harbor, Baptists in Korea suffered terribly at the hands of the Japanese government. Most of the preachers and leaders spent many years in prison because they wouldn't compromise their faith in God with going to the Shinto shrines to worship. Also, because these leaders dared to say that Christ is greater than the Japanese emperor and was "Lord of Lords and King of Kings." Many died in prison, others were so weakened at the time of the Japanese surrender they soon died. Dr. Cauthen met some of the survivors. You will feel as our Board does, that such Christians as these are worthy of our help and support.

There are over 16,000 Chinese in South Korea, most of whom came from the Shantung Province. There are already some Chinese Baptist churches there. Also many Korean Christians who used to live in Tsinan and with whom we were privileged to work are now living in South Korea. We shall feel at home from the time we arrive in Korea, and can go right to work. We will not have to learn a new language. Many Koreans speak Chinese, and English.

We are sailing February 3rd, 1950, on the Lines, for Yokohama, Japan. It is planned from San Francisco on the "S.S. President Cleveland" of the American President Line for us to spend a few days there consulting with Dr. Edwin Dozier who accompanied Dr. Cauthen to Korea, about plans for the work in Korea. Then we shall proceed by ship or plane on to Seoul where we will live. Seoul is a modern city in many respects with a population of 1,500,000 souls.

Our temporary mailing address in Korea will be, "c/o Rev. Horace Underwood, Chosun Christian University, Seoul, Korea."

It has been a joy to fellowship with you dear folks during our stay in America, and to speak in your churches about what God has done for you through your representatives in China through the years. We have spent 30 of the best years of our lives as missionaries in China. It is not going to be easy to begin work in a new country, and starting from the bottom as we set up housekeeping again. May we continue to count on your prayers, as in the past, that God will use us in His own way in Korea. Our God is Able!

We love every one of you and thank you for every kindness shown us while in your midst. May the dear Lord continue to richly bless you in all you do for Him, is our prayer.

Yours In His Glad Service,
John & Jewell Abernathy

BAPTIST AND REFLECTOR

Responsibility In Accepting Church Offices

By James E. Coggin

WHAT GREATER HONOR could be bestowed upon an individual than that of having some part in the ongoing of God's Kingdom? Who occupies a place of greater responsibility than the person who has received such an honor in relation to God's work? Whatever might be your position in God's service it is one of tremendous responsibility. There needs to be a renewed realization of the responsibility of our office, whatever that office may be. How tragic might be the consequences if at least recruit of a mighty army did not recognize his responsibility. Defeat would perhaps be inevitable for the team where a player from the most unobtrusive to the most conspicuous did not realize his part in the game. It is equally as detrimental and fatal to a church when all officers do not realize the responsibility attached to their acceptance of a particular office.

In the familiar parable of the talents (Matt. 25:14-30) Jesus gives emphasis to the matter of responsibility before God. As Jesus prepared to leave His task to the disciples and taught concerning His second coming He emphasized two primary truths:

- (1) Be prepared for my return (Parable of the Virgins).
- (2) Be busy until my return (Parable of the Talents).

Hence, Jesus would have us remember that we are responsible before God and that a realization of this responsibility is upon us to be busy in the office which we hold. May we note some of the lessons that may be derived from the parable of the Talents.

GOD'S GIFTS PRECEDE GOD'S REQUIREMENTS

The Lord of this stated parable did not make unjust demands of his servants. He did not send them out to reap dividends before he gave them the means whereby such reaping could become a reality. He invested them with their talents and then commanded them to multiply. We who serve Christ do not serve Him. Impossible demands are not made of us. Rather, when we earnestly and humbly accept our place of responsibility God gives us the power by which to make His demands a reality in our sphere of service.

With this in mind one does not need to be overcome by the responsibility of an appointed position. If God has assigned a great task He will certainly provide great resources.

ALL RESPONSIBLE BEFORE GOD

It makes no difference whether you have one talent or five you are equally responsible before God. Also it makes no difference what your office might be in your local church you are just as responsible before God as are your pastor and deacons. Is the man who owes \$100.00 rent per week any less responsible

before the law than is the man who owes \$100.00? Not in the least. They are both equally responsible for their obligation. To be sure one owes less, because he has less, but his responsibility for payment is just as great.

We greatly criticize and censure a Napoleon or an Alexander because of their wasted power. We tend to think that they shall be more responsible because they were 5 talent men who wasted their gifts on greed, maliciousness, and strife. Shall we be any less responsible than they as we waste our one or two talents through indifference and neglect?

In the day of judgment we shall be individually responsible before God. The question will be asked of us as to what we have done and what disposition we have made of the gifts entrusted to our care. Paul was right, "Every man shall give an account of himself unto God."

One of the worst spiritual tragedies is that of people who have great talents and fail to realize the responsibility of using them for Him. The sluggard in this parable made the tragic mistake of doing nothing. Jesus seemed to indicate that there was more hope for a Mary Magdalene or Zacchaeus than for the slothful sluggard. The inexcusable thing in God's Kingdom is laziness.

RIGHT USE OF RESPONSIBILITIES GIVES INCREASED RESPONSIBILITIES

The man who bemoans the fact that his gifts are fewer than those of other men need not expect an increase until he has adequately used those which have been entrusted to his care. The startling thing is that one who fails to realize his responsibility will little by little lose the capacity for the exercising of the gifts which he has. A neglect of responsibility means a loss of capacity.

The man who had not met the responsibility entrusted to him sought to return the one talent to his master with the words, "Thou hast thy own." But he was dreadfully mistaken. Talents hid, when dug up are not near so heavy as when buried. Seed when it is heaped and locked in a granary breeds weevils and moths. However, when it is broadcast it multiplies into seed that can be sown again and bread that feeds the sower.

The churches of Asia, because of the neglect of their responsibility were threatened with the extinction of the light

which they had. Israel neglected her God-given and weighty responsibility, hence God had to call upon another to take her place. She lost her capacity to serve because of the neglect of her responsibility.

God is not going to judge us by the way we use what we do not possess but rather by the use we make of the gifts that are actually our own. Therefore when any man properly exercises the gifts which have been entrusted to him it prepares him for the reception of others.

COMMENDATION ACCORDING TO FRUITFULNESS

In the parable of the talents one of the gracious lessons is that the two talent man received the same commendation as did the five-talent man. Both were commended with the same words, "Well done, thou good and faithful servant." Both had equally met the responsibility which was theirs and both received the same commendation. Had the one talent man been faithful he too would have been commended.

We believe and know that a Truett or Spurgeon received great commendation from the lips of the Master. However, theirs was no more than that of the poor widow who faithfully, humbly, and sincerely did the very best that she could.

How are we meeting the responsibilities which are ours? Whatever our gifts may be or whatever our office or position let us be faithful.

May we merit the words from the lips of our Saviour, "Well done, thou good and faithful servant."

The Baptist Paper

It is absolutely imperative that our Baptist people shall be informed if they are to be enlisted. Intelligence and integrity are the very life-blood of a democracy.

Every Baptist home in the land ought to get every week the denominational paper. May God hasten the realization of this acutely necessary goal. And may He also give needed wisdom for the editors and all others who write for these papers!

To the faithfully discriminating constructive, Christian paper the denomination owes an immeasurable debt of gratitude. By all means, let us all worthily magnify our denominational papers. They furnish our supreme medium for informing our people. And let us pray, without ceasing, that the editors and all others who write for these papers shall be clothed with God's wisdom and Spirit for their exalted mission! Beyond question, our papers largely hold the key to our denominational spirit and progress.

—GEORGE W. TRUETT

Sunday School Lesson

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For February 5, 1950

TEXTS: Acts 11:19 to 13:3 (Larger)—Acts 11:19-26; 13:1-3 (Printed)
—Acts 11:26 (Golden).

The First Gentile Church

As the Golden Text indicates, it was in the city of Antioch that the followers of Jesus were called Christians for the first time. The indications are that this name was given them in an ugly or derisive spirit by those on the outside. The disciples of Jesus seem to have accepted the name with humility and also with the right kind of pride. Someone has rather quaintly observed in this connection, "Because they so often called upon His name, His name at length was called on them."

The name Christian occurs again when King Agrippa exclaims after Paul's defence, "Almost thou persuadest me to be a Christian" (Acts 26:28). Here again the indications are that the name is used in a scornful manner. But since the days of these two instances the name Christian, when properly understood and applied, has become a badge of honor and symbolizes all that is high and holy.

What was there about this the first Gentile church that was significant? Why was it of such strategic importance? Wm. M. Taylor writes as follows concerning this. "The city to which Paul now went was admirably adapted for becoming the second center of the Christian Church. Situated on the river Orontes, somewhat less than twenty miles by land, but more than forty by water, from its juncture with the Mediterranean, it stood almost in the angle which the coast of Syria running northward makes with Asia Minor running eastward, having behind it the valley through which trade could find its way to the coast." The Holy Spirit, working through the Christians, was making a wise and far-sighted choice of a base of operations.

I. FOUNDED BY ORDINARY FOLLOWERS OF JESUS (Acts 11:19-26).

Verse nineteen needs to be connected with Acts 8:4. When this is done it will be seen that as a result of the severe persecutions experienced in Jerusalem the disciples of Jesus were scattered and that some of them found their way ultimately to Antioch.

1. "Spoke unto the Grecians." What a day it was when the message of salvation was offered unreservedly to the Greeks! It was good not only for them but also good for those who offered it. Blessed is that church today that has an increasingly large share in the proclamation of the Gospel to those whose faces they shall not see this side of heaven. It is indeed a blessed possibility.

2. "Preaching the Lord Jesus." Just ordinary Christians they were, perhaps with a minimum amount of what we might call formal training for their task, but after all it doesn't require very much knowledge of homiletics for one to preach the Lord Jesus, provided of course that He is really known by such a preacher.

3. "The hand of the Lord was with them." Therein lay the secret of their marvelous success. It was in reality His work and they were actually doing it, empowered and led of the Holy Spirit, and so failure was not possible. It became a great and a powerful church. Antioch, rather than Jerusalem, had the great distinction of becoming the center of missionary activity.

II. FURNISHING OF SUPERB LEADERSHIP FOR MISSIONS (Acts 13:1-3).

1. "Separate me Barnabas and Saul." One of the surest signs of the Antioch Church's vitality is that it gave its best and ablest leaders to carry the Gospel to regions beyond its borders. The Holy Spirit had called these two for this task. They had responded and now the church proceeded to ratify the choice. Any church is signally honored when the Holy Spirit calls one of its members for foreign service in the work of missions. There should be rejoicing, rather than complaining, when such a choice involves the very best and ablest that the church possesses.

2. "They sent them away." This was preceded by the church's fasting, praying and laying on of hands. And in this is found the essence of what we speak of today in ordination. There was no human bestowal of extraordinary power. Rather it was the church's recognition of what God was already doing in His choice and empowering of Barnabas and Saul for their divinely appointed work. The church's sending them away no doubt involved its interest and support of the work of its missionaries. This is as should be, always. Those who go out for God also go out for those who stay at home. We are a part of them; they are a part of us; and all of us a part of God.

The Young South

SEND ALL LETTERS TO AUNT POLLY

149 Sixth Avenue, N.

Nashville 3, Tennessee

Let's let this month be February Fun time. I know a grand way begin. It was suggested to me in a recent letter from Miss Nell Page, Route 4, Lexington, Tennessee. The letter came in too late to be passed on to you for Christmas, so I saved it for Valentine. Here it is.

Dear Aunt Polly:

I am writing you about a boy who lives in Lexington, Tennessee. He has been bedridden for ten or twelve weeks with rheumatic fever. He is about ten years old. He is a very bright boy, but he is very restless and it is hard for him to find ways to keep himself entertained. Could you get his name before the other boys and girls so they can send him letters, cards, picture books, and so on? I think this would give lots of joy.

He has been sitting up in bed trying to make little Christmas presents to send his little friends.

Of course his Sunday school class at First Baptist Church do nice things for him, but children get a thrill out of getting things through the mail.

One reason I can sympathize with this boy is because I have been a shut-in for so long. . . . If you can give the boy the surprise I ask for, I will appreciate it very much.

Sincerely,

A friend, NELL PAGE

P.S. The boy's name is Larry Patton, and his address is Lexington, Tennessee.

Don't you think Miss Page is a thoughtful, kind neighbor to try arrange this treat for Larry? And aren't you glad she is letting us have fun playing friendly neighbors across the miles?

Larry reads the BAPTIST AND REFLECTOR, and I'm sure his first surprise will be reading about himself in today's column. Let's give him a bigger surprise by sending him enough valentines to overflow his mailbox!

What kind of valentine will you send? Will you choose one of your prettiest valentine cards and mail it to him? Or maybe you will mail a valentine, pasting on lacy paper and pretty pictures, and perhaps writing inside it a cheery message. Your favorite Bible "love" verse would be very appropriate.

It would be fun to send your valentine in the form of a puzzle or riddle. Write the message on a big red paper heart, then cut the heart into several pieces like a jigsaw puzzle. Larry will have fun putting it together and reading your valentine message. Instead of a jigsaw puzzle, you might write the message in code and see if Larry can figure it out. Or draw or paste pictures instead of some of the words—make a picture message.

Maybe you have some pretty Sunday school pictures which you could send for Larry to make a scrapbook. If you have a hobby in which Larry might be interested, tell him about that.

Some of you have had experiences similar to Larry's and know what it means to stay in bed a long time. Perhaps you will write and tell him what you did to help pass the time.

I hope each of you will write a personal message to Larry when you send your valentine. Tell him about yourself so that he will feel he knows you well. Maybe if you enclose a self-addressed, stamped envelope in your valentine, Larry will feel like writing you a personal note. Of course, you won't expect an answer immediately, because if he gets as much Valentine mail as we expect him to, it will take a long time to read and answer it all.

Our February fun is just beginning. Next week, let's try some February picture puzzles. And the next—well, we'll just have to wait and see.

In the meantime, I'll be anxious to hear about your valentine to Larry. Write and tell me, will you?

Love,

AUNT POLLY

P. S. Don't forget to sign your name and address on your valentine. It would be terrible to get lots of valentines and not know who sent them.

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New Directions for Training Course Work

All Sunday school and Training Union workers will be interested in the changes that have been made in the directions for the teaching and study of training course books for credit. The following directions have been approved by both departments and are now being used. They will be included in all training course books and other printed matter as they come up for reprint.

Directions for the Teacher

1. Ten class periods of forty-five minutes each, or the equivalent, are required for the completion of a book for credit.
2. The teacher of a training class is given, when requested, an award for the book taught.
3. The teacher shall give a written examination covering the subject matter in the textbook, and the student shall make a minimum grade of 70 per cent. The examination may take the form of assigned work to be done between the class sessions, in the class sessions, or as a final examination at the end of the course.
Exception: All who attend all of the class sessions; who read the book through by the close of the course; and who, in the judgment of the teacher, do the classwork satisfactorily may be exempted from taking the examination.
4. Application for Sunday school awards should be sent to the State Sunday School Department and for Training Union awards to the State Training Union department. These departments will provide the forms for these applications. They should be made in duplicate and both copies sent.

Directions for the Student

1. In Classwork
(1) The student must attend at least six of the ten forty-five minute class periods to be entitled to take the class examination.
(2) The student must certify that the textbook has been read. (In rare cases where students may find it impracticable to read the book before the completion of the classwork, the teacher may accept a promise to read the book carefully within the next two weeks.)
(3) The student must take a written examination, making a minimum grade of 70 per cent. (All who attend all of the class sessions; who read the book through by the close of the course; and who, in the judgment of the teacher, do satisfactory classwork may be exempted from taking the examination.)
2. In Individual Study by Correspondence
Those who for any reason wish to study the book without the guidance of a teacher will use one of the following methods:
(1) Write answers to the questions printed in the book, or
(2) Write a development of the chapter outlines.
If the first method is used, the student will study the book and then with the open book write answers to the printed questions.
If the second method is used, the student will study the book and then with the open book write a development of the chapter outlines.
In either case the student must read the book through.
Students may find profit in studying the text together, but where awards are requested, individual papers are required. Carbon copies or duplicates in any form cannot be accepted.
All written work done by such students on books for Sunday school credit should be sent to the state Sunday school secretary. All of such work done on books for Training Union credit should be sent to the state Training Union secretary.

Take Your Family To
Sunday School

The feeling that "I have a church home and am known and loved by others" brightens life's pathway.

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For further information watch the *Baptist and Reflector*

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Bell Fount	40	Eastland	1
Big Springs	2	Edgefield	20
Rutledge Memorial	10	Nashville, First	22
Victory	7	Immanuel	17
	59	Judson Memorial	44
		Park Avenue	2
		Richland	38
		Seventh	8
			152
HAMILTON		NEW SALEM	
Chamberlain Avenue	1	New Home	10
Avondale	18		10
Central	12		10
Chattanooga, First	14		
Clifton Hill	18		
East Lake	1		
East Ridge	6		
Highland Park	1		
Northside	8		
Oak Grove	8		
Oakwood	4		
Spring Creek	1		
Woodland Park	5		
Daisy, First	1		
Falling Water, First	5		
Hixson	12		
McCarty	4		
Middle Valley	2		
	121		
MAURY		SHELBY COUNTY	
Hohenwald	5	Highland Heights	1
		Park Ave. (M)	40
		Southland	1
			42
McMINN		SWEETWATER	
Sanford	23	Madisonville, First	1
		Notchey Creek	43
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		Beck Mountain	17
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Y. W. A. Focus Week

Feb. 5 to 11

February 5 to 11 is the week set for making an effort to increase mission interest in your church through your Young Women's Auxiliary. Make this one of the best Focus weeks you have ever observed by making it a real experience of mission participation for each Y.W.A. member.

This will be an excellent time to enlist your prospective Y.W.A. members and win again those who might have become half-hearted in their mission zeal.

The week might begin with a party, using the Valentine theme, for friends of the old folk's home, shut-ins of the church extension department or for the children of your orphans' home.

You foster a Sunbeam Band, Girl's Auxiliary, Royal Ambassador Chapter. Give them a banquet! They will love it and their interest will be increased by your interest in them.

Miss Margaret Bruce suggests that we send relief packages of food and clothing to needy people in Italy and Japan. Yes, they are still suffering for lack of food. Names of these people can be found in back issues of the *Window of Y. W. A.* Don't forget that young women of the Y.W.A. should ever focus their eyes on the needs of our brothers and sisters everywhere who are in need.

STUDY! STUDY! What better time could we find for the study of one of our delightful new books for the Home Mission Season of Prayer. *Buried . . . Living!* Live with this young couple as they make a new world out of a rural field by teaching the people that religion is a part of everything they do. Work with them as they accomplish the impossible through their consecration to Christ and His purpose. "Buried . . . Living" by John D. Freeman is a book you will be anxious to study.

Advertise Ridgecrest Y.W.A. camp, June 15-21. Use the Ridgecrest kodachrome slides or 16mm color film, silent (rental each \$1.00) from 1111 Comer Bldg., Birmingham 3, Ala. Start a Ridgecrest fund to send your president and encourage every member to make plans to attend 1950 camp.

Do you want to have a Y.W.A. Sweetheart Party? See the plans on the back cover of the February *Window*.

Make this an important week for your Young Women's Auxiliary and your church as you focus on missions through the young women.

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Department of Student Work

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Middle Tennessee State College

The Baptist students of Middle Tennessee State College observe Vocational Emphasis Week January 9-13. The meetings were held from six to seven each evening in one of the rooms in the administrative building. Julia Ann Boren, B.S.U. president, presided over the meetings.

The program was as follows:

Monday

Teaching Profession.....Mr. Howard Kirksey

Tuesday

Medical Profession.....Dr. J. B. Black

Wednesday

Business.....Mr. Dudley Fletcher

Thursday

Homemaking.....Mrs. Lawrence Freeman

Friday

Religion.....Dr. W. Edwin Richardson

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Union University

The annual college revival was held at Union University the week of January 16-20. Dr. W. Douglas Huggins, pastor of the First Baptist Church of Jackson, Mississippi, was the preacher. Dr. Huggins is a native of Tennessee and a graduate of Carson-Newman College and the Southern Baptist Seminary. He pastored in Tennessee, and Fort Worth and Houston, Texas, before assuming his present position in Jackson.

Dr. Huggins spoke in chapel each morning and each evening during the week. During the day he spoke to special groups on the campus and had personal conferences with students. The week was very, very successful and was a great blessing to all who participated in it.

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University of Tennessee

The Baptist students of the University honored Dr. and Mrs. Griffin Henderson with a reception at the Baptist Student Center on Tuesday night, January 10. The students are mighty happy to have Dr. and Mrs. Henderson working with them and just took this means of showing their appreciation and making it possible for the students to welcome the Hendersons to the University and to Knoxville. The weather was a little disagreeable, but a nice crowd turned out for this very pleasant occasion.

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Who Is Educated?

There are five tests of the evidence of education—correctness and precision in the use of the mother tongue; refined and gentle manners; the result of fixed habits of thought and action; sound standards of appreciation of beauty and worth, and a character based on these standards; power and habit of reflection; efficiency or the power to do.

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Hear

CHARLES WELLBORN

on

THE BAPTIST HOUR

Sunday Afternoon

(Check your local paper for
the station and time)

BAPTIST AND REFLECTOR

AMONG THE BRETHREN

Dr. Pickens Goes to Carson-Newman

Dr. H. D. Pickens of Clinton, Miss., assumed duties as associate professor of psychology Carson-Newman College, Jefferson City, at beginning of the spring semester, January

Dr. Pickens received his Ph.D. degree from University of Michigan and his Bachelor's and Master's degrees from the University of Mississippi. His experience has been rich and varied, having taught several years in public schools, nine years as head of the Department of Education at Mississippi Southern at Hattiesburg, and eight years as director of Teacher Education at the University of Mississippi.

He is married and has two children.

Calvary Baptist Church, Alexandria, La., is installing a new \$21,000 pipe organ. It is a Veterans' Memorial for the men and women of the church who served in World War II. Charles R. Shirar is in his twelfth year as pastor of the church.

—B&R—

Pastor A. A. Carlton and the Rutledge Baptist Church, Rutledge, have installed a direct line to the county jail in Rutledge and transmit its services to the jail by means of amplifiers. The prisoners requested this arrangement.

—B&R—

January 23-26, the First Baptist Church of Yersburg held a study course, using "Building Standard Sunday School." The book was taught by Jesse Daniel, of the Baptist Sunday School Board.

—B&R—

President Roy Anderson announces that Rainger County Baptist Association, with its own money and labor, is building a cottage on the campus of Harrison-Chilhowee Baptist Academy. Ministerial students will live in the cottage.

—B&R—

Simultaneous revival campaigns will be held in Weakley County Association March 27-31 and April 3-7. The pastors will hold the services, and the two-campaign arrangement has been made to accommodate those pastors who serve more than two churches in the association. Associational Missionary Russell Rogers announces.

—B&R—

In the early part of January, the First Baptist Church of Madison, Oscar T. Nelson, pastor, held a successful Training Union Study Course, with 79 applications for awards. Teachers were: Frank Kellogg, Charles Norton, Miss Doris Brown and Miss Eura Rich.

—B&R—

All Baptist churches of Memphis and Shelby County will unite in a simultaneous evangelistic crusade under the direction of Dr. C. E. Matthews March 12-26. Dr. Slater Murphy is the local chairman. His organization is composed of the following chairmen:

Ralph R. Moore and J. Carl McCoy, Organizer; Robert C. Cannon, Publicity; J. G. Hughes, Radio; Selwyn Smith, Census; C. W. Pickler, Finance; D. M. Renick, Extension; A. D. Foreman, Jr., Rallies; Robert G. Lee, Fellowship; and R. Paul Caudill, Prayer.

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 2, 1950

Missionary Conference

Approximately 60 city, associational, general, and special missionaries attended the annual conference of missionaries which met in Nashville, January 19-20.

Plans were projected for the new year. Pastoriums, joint-pastorates, financial systems, and BAPTIST AND REFLECTOR subscriptions were points set out for special emphasis in 1950.

Evangelism is a regular feature among all missionaries. Hearts have been gladdened, and spirits renewed by seeing the number of baptismless churches drop from 644 in 1944 to 375 for last year. On an average it took 18 church members, working all year, to make and baptize one convert in 1949.

Dr. Allen West is the speaker at Cumberland University for Religious Emphasis Week beginning January 30, according to an announcement by Dr. Raymond Coppenger, faculty sponsor of the Baptist Student Union. Heading the program committee is Royal Lee Barron, state vice-president of the Baptist Student Union. Music is under the direction of Wallace McGill. Jack Kennedy is in charge of the preparations committee and Joe Clifton is directing the social activities for the week.

HEAR

THE BAPTIST HOUR

Sunday Afternoon

February 5

Subject: "Down Destiny Road"

Speaker: Charles Wellborn

Rev. Wilson Woodcock, 1108 Ordway Place, Nashville 6, Tenn., telephone 3-1265-J, announces that he has recovered from his disability sufficiently to supply or render other service to the pastors and churches. He will not seek or accept a full-time pastorate, but does wish the opportunity to preach and teach as often as possible.

Gilbreath Occupies Green Chair at C U

Judge Sam B. Gilbreath, prominent law teacher and author, has been designated to occupy the Green Chair of Law at Cumberland University. Dr. W. Edwin Richardson, President of the University, has announced.

A professor of law at Cumberland since 1932, Judge Gilbreath was a leading attorney at the Lebanon bar until he discontinued his private law practice two years ago in order to devote his full time to teaching. He is a member of the Tennessee Judicial Council and author of Gilbreath's *Caruthers History of a Lawsuit*, Tennessee textbook on procedure in courts of law. During World War II he served as an Army Major with allied military government forces in Italy.

The endowment of the Green Chair of Law is one of the immediate objectives of the University's Second Century Program now in progress.

Saturday morning, Jan. 21, the building of the Ivy Chapel Baptist Church of Nashville burned to the ground. The fire is thought to have started from a furnace. The congregation will meet in the Joy school until a new building now under construction in a new location is completed. Phil A. Shelton is pastor.

—B&R—

Preaching, teaching, special conferences, and drama will feature the Annual Pastors' Conference, March 20-24, at the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville, Ky. Dr. H. Cornell Goerner, of the faculty, is in charge of the housing for the conference. Hotel, private homes and Seminary dormitory arrangements are available. Seventy-five cents a day will be charged for sleeping accommodations in the dormitory; room in a private home, \$1.50 a day; and meals may be secured in the Seminary cafeteria.

—B&R—

After 23 years' signally fruitful ministry, T. E. Callaway has resigned the pastorate of the First Baptist Church, Thomasville, Ga., effective June 30. He plans to return in a more limited way to the evangelistic work in which he was engaged for eight years as evangelist of the Georgia Baptist Convention before going to Thomasville. Upon his resignation, the people of Thomasville presented him and Mrs. Callaway a lovely seven-room brick home.

WESTERN UNION

WHETHER PRESIDENT TRUMAN NAMES SUCCESSOR TO TAYLOR MAY DEPEND ON PUBLIC OPINION STOP IF THEREFORE SOUTHERN BAPTIST REMAINS SILENT NOW WE MAY MISS THE BEST OPPORTUNITY IN GIVING WITNESS TO OUR CHERISHED CONVICTIONS ON RELIGIOUS LIBERTY STOP MAY I BE PERMITTED TO URGE INDIVIDUALS AND CONGREGATIONS AND ALL POSSIBLE BAPTIST MEETINGS TO SEND IMMEDIATE TELEGRAMS AND LETTERS TO PRESIDENT WITH COPIES TO YOUR SENATORS INSISTING THAT THE PRESIDENT USE THIS OCCASION TO TERMINATE RELATIONS WITH VATICAN.

LOUIE D. NEWTON

MIDDLE TENNESSEE NEWS

By HOMER A. CATE, Shelbyville, Tennessee

Dr. Alvin H. Hopson, pastor, First Baptist Church, Lebanon, has announced a series of Sunday morning sermons based on the Book of Genesis. He began delivering this series in January. The Lebanon Church is down to business in planning a large and adequate building program to meet the needs of a growing church. The wholesome suggestion has been made that the entire congregation tithe, in a "prove me" campaign, during the entire length of the proposed building program.

The Associations in Middle Tennessee gave a little extra push to the Cumberland campaign the last half of January. Leaders, one in each Association, agreed to go into as many churches as possible to speak in behalf of Cumberland's Second Century Program campaign. It is sincerely hoped and anxiously expected that the enthusiasm of Middle Tennessee Baptists may match the unsurpassed opportunity this area has in serving the Lord through Cumberland University, and reveal that enthusiasm in large gifts to our school.

Nashville is to have a Youth Revival February 12-19, to be conducted in the First Baptist Church, with Howard Butt of Corpus Christi, Texas, as the speaker and Frank Boggs, of the Southwestern Theological Seminary, as singer.

The First Baptist Church, Lewisburg, Leonard Sanderson, pastor, is now worshipping in the Hardison School during the period of construction for their building program. The Church has raised to date \$60,000.00 of the necessary \$85,000.00 to complete the job.

The Inglewood Baptist Church, Nashville, J. Harold Stephens, pastor, now has a Mission which it is sponsoring, the Due West Mission. The Mission was organized with 23 charter members, and has built and paid for a 30' by 60' one-story concrete block building. Within approximately a month the Mission has increased its membership to 34 and has many more than that enrolled in Sunday school.

Dr. William Fallis, Book Editor of the Sunday School Board, and author of the book, *Studies in Acts*, the Sunday school study course book recommended for use this year during "Bible Emphasis Week," taught his own book to the Immanuel Church of which he is a member, Jan. 16-20.

On January 1 the West End Baptist Mission of the Barton's Creek Baptist Church, Wilson County Association, Buford M. Bulls, pastor, began full time services. Rev. Raymond Copping, Professor of Bible at Cumberland University, has been secured to serve as pastor of the Mission. There were 73 in Sunday school and 56 in Training Union on the very first day! This is somewhat unusual—for a rural church to build a Mission Church in the nearby city.

The First Baptist Church, Shelbyville, Homer A. Cate, pastor, extended the call to Andrew Morris, Union Association, to become the pastor of her Mission Church, the Big Springs Memorial Mission, and he has accepted. Bro. Morris moved onto the field and began his work Feb. 1. Brother Morris will also assist the pastor in some of his duties.

Rev. and Mrs. Merle F. Pedigo are the proud parents of a fine baby boy, born during January. Bro. Pedigo is pastor of Riverside Baptist Church, Nashville.

The First Baptist Church, Springfield, Luther Joe Thompson, pastor, has received contributions of \$2,090.50 up to Jan. 8, for Cumberland University. This seems a fine example to other churches in this area.

Your writer had the privilege of teaching *Studies in Acts* to the First Baptist Church, Murfreesboro, Jan. 9-13. There were 129 adults enrolled in the class.

The Third Baptist Church, Murfreesboro, Wendell Price, pastor, is broadcasting a program over Station WGNS at 8:00 each Sunday morning.

Please forward news items to Homer A. Cate, Shelbyville, Tenn., if you wish them to come out in this column. Your bulletin sent regularly would be better.

Baylor Building Honors Bible Scholar-Teacher

A \$600,000 building honoring the late J. B. Tidwell, Bible scholar, will be erected on the Baylor University campus at Waco, Texas, this summer. It will house the departments of religion and radio. Dr. Tidwell, chairman of Baylor Bible department for years previous to his death in 1946. He wrote many volumes on Bible study and penned Sunday School lesson discussions for the Baptist Standard, Texas denominational paper, for years.

Funds for the building have been raised primarily by gifts of Dr. Tidwell's students and friends. Most recent contribution was \$100,000 given by Mr. and Mrs. William Fleming of Ft. Worth.

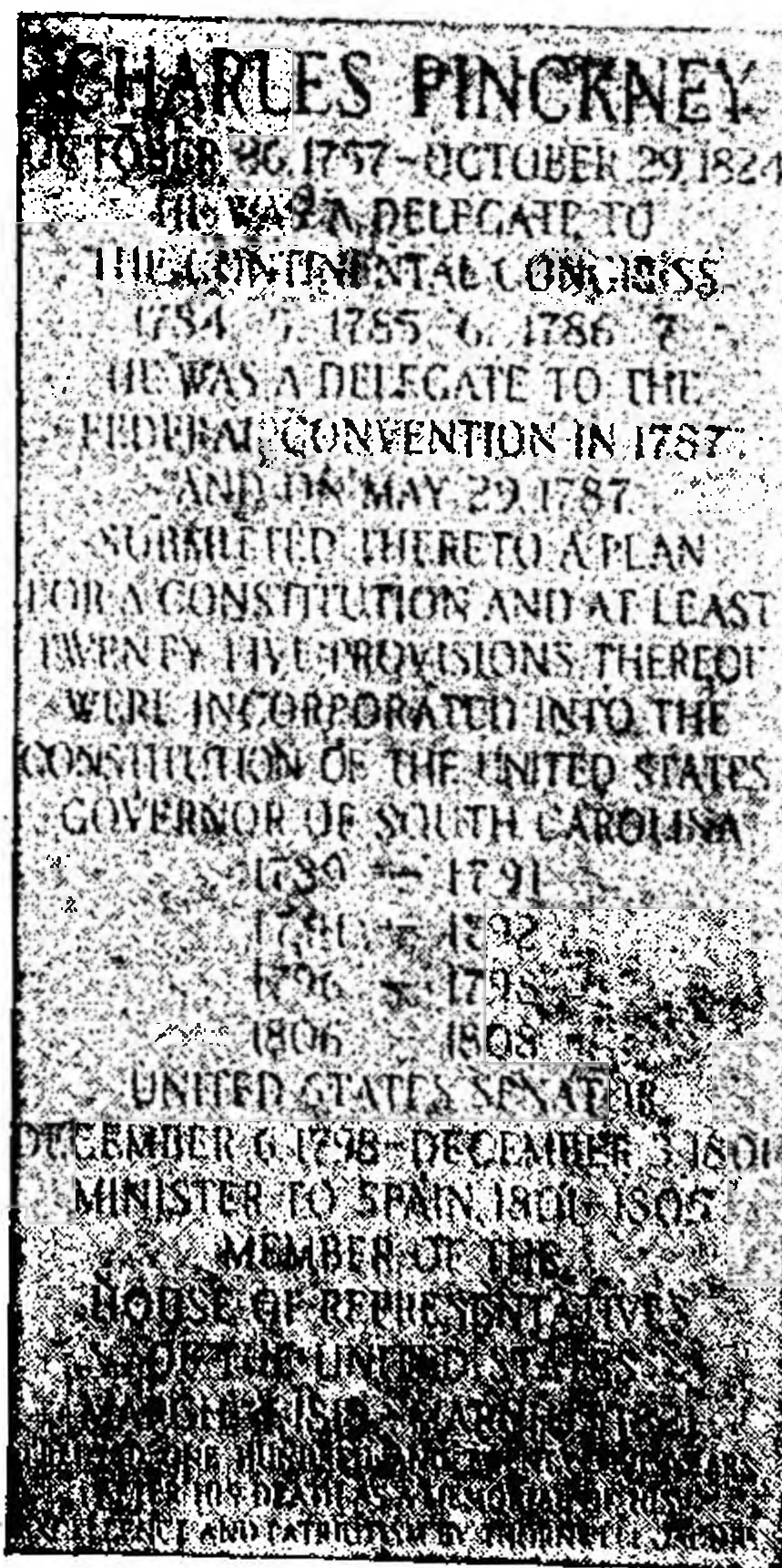
Charles Wellborn, the 26-year-old speaker on the coast-to-coast Baptist Hour the first quarter of 1950, was converted while a student at Baylor University. Fellow students led him to Christ in one of the unique youth revivals initiated at Baylor.

Baylor University's College of Medicine, Houston is Southern Baptists' sole source for the training of medical missionaries in a Baptist institution. Baylor also has a College of Dentistry and a School of Nursing at Dallas, in addition to its primary campus at Waco.

Dr. W. R. White, president of Baylor University, a Texas Baptist institution at Waco, has been named to make the Christian education address at the Baptist World Congress at Cleveland, July 22-27. Dr. White formerly was executive secretary of the Baptist General Convention of Texas and editorial secretary of the Southern Baptist Sunday School Board.

RECORD OF A GREAT AMERICAN PRESERVED FOR ALL TIME

In the latter half of the 18th century, there lived in Charleston, S. C., one of the greatest Americans of all time. His name was Charles Pinckney. Handsome, charming, brilliantly cultured and educated, he held more high offices than any other South Carolinian in history. Perhaps his greatest distinction lies in the fact that he wrote at least twenty-five of the eighty, some odd, provisions of the Constitution of the United States. Yet, because no memorial slab marked his last resting place, the location of the grave of this man—who is regarded by many as the most important pre-Revolutionary South Carolinian—has been in doubt until the exact location was established by State Historian, A. S. Salley and a lasting Winnsboro Blue Granite memorial erected at his grave by Dr.



Thornwell Jacobs, Founder of Oglethorpe University, Atlanta, Ga.

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ATTENDANCES AND ADDITIONS TO THE CHURCHES

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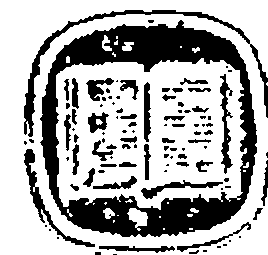
Church	Sunday School	Training Union	Additions	Church	Sunday School	Training Union	Additions
Amo, First	223	44	3	Knoxville, Alice Bell	180	46	4
ons Chapel	50			Arlington	480	82	3
land City, First	49	21		Bell Avenue	816	197	1
ens, Antioch	96	43		Broadway	1463	496	8
East	421	154	2	Fifth Avenue	970	290	
First	457	207	3	Gillespie Avenue	223	97	
West End Mission	74			Lincoln Park	649	200	
Talhoun	129	25		Sevier Heights	565	210	
Doghill	68	69		Washington Pike	217	58	2
Cotton Port	92	79		Lawrenceburg, First	266	177	2
Eastanalle	81	26		Lebanon, Barton's Creek	100	60	
Stowah, East	91	68	1	Fairview	142	67	2
Stowah, First	401	106	4	First	498	142	
Stowah, North	329	106		Cedar Grove	101	77	
Stowah, West	35	45		West End Mission	66	65	
Good Springs	81	48		Lenox City, First	184	125	1
glewood	70	48		Nelson Street Mission	42		
McMahan Calvary	71	45		Lewisburg, First	190	159	
New Zion	63			Lexington, First	217	47	
Rogers Creek	18	18		McEwen	76	32	
Union Grove No. 2	64	48	1	Madison, First	433	115	1
West View	68	46		Madisonville, Christa	81	31	
burntown, Prosperity	180	129		Maryville	353	184	1
ff City, First	207	75	2	First	517	286	4
ghton	190	133		Memphis, Bellevue	2676	1057	3
stol, Calvary	350	124		Boulevard	718	277	6
Virginia Avenue	325	125	2	Central Avenue	603	211	5
mission	55			Ellison Avenue	164	84	2
ish Creek	69	23	5	Highland Heights	1057	481	5
mden, First	175	44		Kennedy	137	59	2
rthage, First	168	73		Lafelle	752	246	1
attanooga, Avondale	629	157	3	Leawood	122	82	3
Brainerd	491	238	1	Mission	32		
Chamberlain Avenue	281	101		Levi	251	165	3
Concord	240	104		Barton Heights	110	70	2
First	1000	255	2	Mallory Heights	219	97	
Highland Park	3045	956	39	Merton Avenue	356	91	
Lupton City	140	127		Parkway	321	152	
Morris Hill	267	143	8	Prescott Memorial	633	176	2
Red Bank	635	213	1	Speedway Terrace	512	144	3
St Elmo	317	129	3	Temple	1467	314	2
Signal Mountain	69	31		Union Avenue	1041	698	3
Spring Creek	250	119	2	Millan, First	412	92	
Suck Creek	42	21		Millington	180	54	
Woodland Heights	237	88		Monterey, First	314	135	
urch Hill, First	145	58		Thorn Hill	31		
lak Grove	155	111		Morley	109	42	
Block City Mission	57			Monticmore, First	553	93	
eland, Big Spring	275	179		St. Zion	45	22	
Wainville	31			Murfreestown, First	497	96	3
Calvary	124	104		Walnut Street Mission	86		
Rutledge Memorial	84	46		Powell's Chapel	94	67	
Four Point Chapel	12	8		Taylor's Chapel	81		
nton, First	439	143	1	Third	136	49	
umbia, First	369	107	2	Westview	590	153	2
Godwin Chapel	25			Woodbury Road	72	55	1
Rock Springs	105	54		Nashville, Bordeaux	99		
Second	100	54	4	Calvary	171	76	2
okeville, First	386	106	1	Eastland	559	126	12
Algood Mission	74			Edgefield	414	128	
Fourth Street Mission	135	69	2	Grate	781	242	1
Steven Street	102	55		Inglewood	822	163	20
ereburg, First	620	108		Lockeland	528	155	5
zabethton, First	549	123		North End	141	68	
Oak Street	147	83		Radnor	302	126	
Slam	231	135		Saturn Drive	69	35	3
untain City, Central	900	254	1	Third	267	90	
Hines Calley Chapel	32			Newport, First	304	83	
Fairview	140	77		Oak Ridge, Highland View	485	152	
Smithwood	478	181	2	Robertsville	380	104	
adeville	138	52		Old Hickory, First	647	250	1
and Junction, First	115	70		Whitsett's Chapel	79	57	
umpton, Union	215	154		Paris, First	507	91	1
rriman, South	252	174	1	Philadelphia	205	36	
Trenton Street	390	116		Rockwood, First	288	168	
mboldt, Antioch	208	96		Rogersville	310	123	1
First	507	140	1	Missions	192	105	3
kson, Calvary	482	163		Hennard's Chapel	125	81	
First	780	185		Tunnell's Hill	70	58	
Madison	114	64		Rutledge	87	40	
North	274	139	2	Oakland	84	42	
inson City, Unaka Avenue	283	125	6	Sevierville, First	396	99	
ngesport, First	754	222	3	Shelbyville, Shelbyville Mills	164	77	6
Lynn Garden	379	120		Holly Grove	26		
Terson City, First	511	127	7	Surgoinsville	132		
Mission	61			Sweetwater, Watson Chapel	81	76	
				Tullahoma, Highland	132	86	7
				Union City, First	585	145	3
				Watertown, Round Lick	132	61	
				Whitwell, First	205	64	1

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BOOK REVIEWS

A LAND I WILL SHOW THEE, by Marrian M. Schoolland. Eordmans. 237 pages. \$2.50.

This is a historical novel of excellent Christian fiction portraying vividly the conflicting emotions of loyal Dutch citizens who fled their homes in the Netherlands because of religious persecution. They endured the bitter winters with poor housing and limited rations which made starvation a constant haunting spectre in their new found home in Michigan. They counted the privations and hazards of frontier life a privilege in view of the freedoms from the tyranny of a state church. Through it all the beautiful thread of romance between Anton Brummelkamp and Anna Faber progresses with the various supporting characters as members of their families. The strong bonds of exemplary family life are presented in a most wholesome manner.

Even a casual glance at Michigan will reveal that much of the Netherlands was transplanted by these freedom loving souls because many cities and towns bear the names of their native land. This wilderness to which they came soon blossomed into gardens, homes, factories, stores and industrial centers surpassing their native land in beauty and productivity. The center and circumference of both their old and new communities was their church under the leadership of their beloved Dominic, Albertus Van Ralte.

Names of the characters are typically Dutch and those unfamiliar with their language may be a bit nonplussed in attempting pronunciations. In view of current issues pertaining to separation of church and state, this story is most timely and well illustrates the evils which America is courting today by violating our constitutional provisions for complete religious freedom. The book deserves a wide reading, and we hope the linguistic barrier will not limit its ministry to the local areas of the Dutch descendants of their worthy forbears. Their attitudes and actions were but typical of most settlers who came to these shores to provide us the heritage we enjoy today.

—HAROLD D. GREGORY

THE GOSPEL PREACHER AND HIS PREACHING, by Jerome O. Williams. The Broadman Press, Nashville, Tenn. Copyright 1949 by the publishers. 84 pages. \$1.00.

The author is head of the division of Education and Promotion of the Baptist Sunday School. He is a man of many years' experience in the ministry and in the pastorate. Hence, he is qualified to write sympathetically to and about preachers, and this he does.

The Gospel Preacher and His Preaching is designed primarily for those noble and fruitful preachers who have not had the advantages of higher education. But others as well can profit reading it. This little book, with its unusually attractive format, clear type and earnest and compassionate spirit, finely serves its purpose.

The chapter headings are: The Preacher's Personality; The Preacher's Position; The Preacher's Preparation for Preaching; The Preacher's Preparation of Sermons; and The Preacher's Preaching. Valuable suggestions are found in each chapter. And appended at the close of each chapter is a list of books recommended for reading.

This reviewer found the book helpful and believes that others will also find it helpful.

—O. W. TAYLOR

WEST TENNESSEE NEWS

By EDWIN E. DEUSNER, Lexington, Tennessee

Pastor J. Harold Stephens, Inglewood Church, Nashville, will assist Pastor Charles A. Wingo and Kennedy Church, Memphis, in the Shelby Association Simultaneous Revival, March 12-26.

The plans for Kennedy's new building have been approved. They will build in units with the first unit to cost about \$46,000. It will be 85 feet long and 44 feet wide and will face on Watson Street.

Various churches and interested friends have given a new Plymouth sedan to Missionary J. Carl McCoy and wife for use in their work in Shelby Association. Bro. McCoy expresses a desire that it be a real "Missionary Car."

The effort to liquidate the entire indebtedness on the new educational building at Huntingdon met with complete success, according to Pastor Thomas W. Pope's bulletin. This was accomplished on "DD" (Death's Debt) day, January 15.

Pastor Edwin Deusner will assist Pastor W. A. Farmer and the Bradford Church in a revival beginning March 26.

First Church, Milan, Henry J. Huey, Pastor, ordained Bro. Roy Burke to the ministry on January 8.

Pastor John W. Bass, LaMar Heights Church, Memphis, has been advised to give up his busy pastorate and accept lighter work. According to a dispatch received from another source, Bro. Bass has followed this advice from his physician and has accepted the care of Woodland Baptist Church, Woodland Mills, Tenn. The change will become effective around March 1.

Pastor O. C. Cooper, Greenfield, will do the preaching in a revival at the First Church, Perryville, Missouri, April 9-23. He will assist Pastor Lawrence Ray, formerly of Newbern and Bradford.

Pastor Cooper is rejoicing over the fact that three young men in his church have surrendered to preach: Kenneth Day, James W. Abney, and Gerald Bland. All are students at Union University. Bro. Day has already been called to two half-time churches.

Charles Norton, State B.T.U. Secretary, was with Pastor Henry J. Huey and the First Church, Milan, in an enlargement campaign the week of January 15.

Pastor R. O. Pittman of Levi Church, Memphis, recently sustained a painful injury to his left knee and was hospitalized for a few days. He is now back in the pulpit.

First Church, McKenzie, Walter H. Mickley, Pastor, expects to occupy their new building by March 1. It is a beautiful, commodious building and is a marvelous improvement over what they had. By careful financing they have managed to build without incurring a large debt. While they are out of their building they are meeting in the Chapel of Bethel College. Bro. Mickley has been there 5½ years and considers this past year the most fruitful of all.

Only recently did we learn of the death of Rev. J. T. Barker at his home in Newbern the last of November. Bro. Barker was in his 80's and was active in the Lord's work until just a few days before his death.

Evangelist Homer E. Kirkpatrick of Hot Springs, Arkansas, will assist Pastor Aubrey Halsell and Poplar Avenue Church, Memphis, in a revival beginning March 12. Bro. Kirkpatrick advises us that he has a few open dates for the early Spring. He is a splendid evangelist.

In spite of the busy days before Christmas, First Church, Tiptonville, Gordon L. DePriest, pastor, reached 112 in Prayer Meeting on December 15. Their goal was 100.

Bro. Cotys Willingham, one of our fine Baptist laymen, died January 13 and his funeral was conducted at Ridgely Baptist Church, on Sunday, January 15. Pastor Morris Prince officiating. Bro. Willingham was 46 years of age. He had served for several years as a Trustee of Union University, and was treasurer of Ridgely Church for 15 years.

Sympathy is extended to Mrs. D. P. McFarland, wife of the Covington pastor, because of the recent passing of her brother-in-law.

During 1949 there were 879 additions to Bellevue Baptist Church, Memphis. Of this number, Pastor R. G. Lee baptized 332 and welcomed 547 by letter, statement and restoration. For the same period the Sunday school averaged 2480 and the Training Union 901 per Sunday.

New Church Organized

On Thursday, January 12, at 7:30 p.m. new Baptist Church was born in the E. Ransom auditorium at Tullahoma.

The church adopted "Articles of Faith" and a "Church Covenant." Also, the name "Highland" was selected unanimously by regular motion and second.

The church unanimously called Roy C. McGill as pastor and he accepted. The church voted to seek affiliation with the Duck River Association, the Tennessee Baptist Convention, and the Southern Baptist Convention.

Fifty-two people became members of the Highland Baptist Church on Thursday evening by the vote to constitute a church. It was decided to hold charter membership open until January 31, Thursday evening.

L. G. Frey, State Superintendent of Missions and Evangelism of the Tennessee Baptist Convention, brought the organizational message after the business session.

Roy W. Babb, pastor of the First Baptist Church of Winchester and Moderator of the Duck River Association, brought words of greeting to the new church, telling of the great need of churches in this territory and expressing the hope that many other churches would be organized to meet this need. Bro. Babb represented the following churches which sent messengers at the meeting: Cross Roads; Highland; Maxwell; Spring Creek; Tullahoma First; and Winchester, First of Duck River Association. Also, Shelbyville Mills and Shelbyville, First of New Duck River Association. There were also people present from First and Woodmont churches of the Nashville Association.

Southern Baptists carry on foreign missionary work in 120 world centers in 24 countries with 712 active missionaries.

New Educational Building at Cleveland



(Architect's drawing by Selmon T. Franklin, Jr.)

The above is the prospectus of the new Educational Building now under construction by the First Church, Cleveland. The contract was let on November 30 by W. E. Hamby of Athens for \$78,900.00. The construction committee of the church is composed of W. F. Sloan, Chairman; P. B. Lay, T. S. Hughes, and Grover C. Lee. L. B. Cobb is pastor and A. E. Ritchie is music and educational director.

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Carson-Newman College Moves Forward

By D. L. Butler

The enrollment at Carson-Newman College, which is now in its 99th year, has reached an all-time high, with 897 students on the campus. This represents an increase in enrollment of more than 90 per cent since 1940. Carson-Newman has a glorious heritage and its future is limited only by its financial support.

Last year the college graduated 192 young men and women and sent them out to render Christian Service in all walks of life. Of the students enrolled this year 883 are church members, a vast majority being Baptists. Numbered among its enrollees are 260 students who are to engage in full-time religious work. Others will make teachers, lawyers, doctors, and still others will become business and professional people, who surely will render more valuable service because they are attending a Christian college. Truly Carson-Newman is rendering a most valuable service to the Baptist cause and to civic life in Tennessee, the South, and the Nation.

CAMPAIGN CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT

Even with the recent addition to Burnett Gym for Girls, the new Maples Library completed last year, and with the Chambliss Arts building now nearing completion, student enrollment has exceeded our facilities. In an effort to meet the challenge, Carson-Newman College is now in the midst of a campaign to raise \$652,000 for three most urgently needed buildings. Progress to date is most encouraging. A total of \$175,000 has been subscribed and the campaign is just getting underway. A most important fact is that every penny subscribed by others goes directly to buildings. Two men have underwritten expenses of the campaign, thereby insuring the college that all money paid in will be net income for the college expansion program.

The first of three buildings to be erected from funds raised through this campaign will be a combination cafeteria-student center-home economics building. Several years ago the Knox County Baptist Association raised approximately half enough money to construct this building. At the request of that Association the Trustees have named it the Baker Memorial Building in honor of the late Cecil H. Baker, who for many years was a Trustee and President of the board. A cafeteria is an immediate need of the College. The one now being used was designed for about half the number of people who are there.

Another important need is a student center. With the increased enrollment the college cannot adequately minister to the social life of its students. The student center will be a place where it is adequate for the social activities of the institution. Students may meet there for sandwiches and soft drinks. This floor will house a post office, book store, and student publications.

Two dormitories, one for men and one for women, constitute a third great need. Even though the college has six buildings in which students are now housed, many live in town and still many others are turned away for lack of room. We must prepare to take care of our young people who wish to be educated at this Christian College.

The long-range program calls for a chapel, field house, and \$2,000,000 additional endowment. Since student fees, exclusive of room and board, pay less than half the cost of the student's college education, it is necessary to have additional funds from some source.

SOURCES OF INCOME

Our Baptist colleges have only two other sources of income, the Cooperative Program and endowment. Since the amount from the Cooperative Program is the same to all Tennessee Baptist Colleges regardless of enrollment, Carson-Newman's part from the Cooperative Program is less than \$65.00 per student enrolled. Income from endowment is approxi-

mately \$25.00 per student. This makes a total income of only \$90.00 per student in addition to fees. To finance the college adequately we should have additional income from endowment of at least \$60.00 per student, which is the income from approximately 2 million dollars. For this reason, friends are urged to make gifts, or designate funds through wills and trust funds to the endowment fund of the College, even though this campaign is primarily for capital funds for new buildings.

ADVANTAGES OF A CHRISTIAN COLLEGE

We must make it possible for more young people to come under the influence of the Christian College. Our youth are being subjected to more un-American "isms" than in any previous period of our history. The American way of life is being challenged on every hand. The pressure on young people to engage in questionable practices is becoming so great that it is difficult for them always to recognize and remain true to Christian principles. The Christian college, a place where it is popular to stand for intellectual honesty, moral integrity, and social purity, should be strengthened in every way. The Christian college, a place where the professors believe in the Bible as the Book, where the prayer room is as important as the classroom, and where religious teaching strengthens the religious experiences of youth, deserves the financial support of every Baptist.

The hope of the Baptist cause lies in our Baptist schools. The Christian College undergirds everything Baptists hold dear. It is in the Baptist College that most ministers are educated. Our foreign missionaries, home missionaries, Christian doctors and nurses, ministers of music, and lay leaders are also the products of our Baptist Colleges. A gift to the Christian College is a contribution to all Baptist causes.

New Church in Cumberland Association


The Fellowship Baptist church was organized January 15 on Highway 79 north of Clarksville.

The Council was composed of Dr. R. N. Owen, moderator; Rev. R. G. Shelton, secretary; and Revs. Crocker, McCaleb, Chestnut, Hyler, Hunt, Suiter and others, and a number of Deacons from neighboring churches.

After adoption of the customary Articles of Faith, and Covenant, the Council recommended the constitution of the Missionary Baptist Bible Mission as a separate church. The Mission, about 34 people, then voted to organize as the Fellowship Baptist Church. They then elected Foster Chesnut who served as Mission Pastor, as Pastor, and Terry Ford, Clerk.

Following a fine sermon by Rev. C. G. Sego the Council gave the hand of Baptist fellowship to the officers of the new church, after which the Council, and other Baptists gave the hand of fellowship to the new church.

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Resolutions

BRYAN

WHEREAS, On December 4, 1949, Rev. Clyde C. Bryan tendered his resignation to the First Baptist Church at Gallatin, Tenn., in order to accept a pastorate at the First Baptist Church in Hattiesburg, Miss.

BE IT RESOLVED, that the First Baptist Church of Gallatin, Tenn., does hereby extend to Bro. Clyde C. Bryan its profound gratitude for the outstanding services rendered for God and Church during his pastorate at Gallatin, Tennessee.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That during his pastorate at Gallatin, Rev. Clyde C. Bryan has proved himself to be an outstanding pastor and Christian leader.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the First Baptist Church register its regret at the loss of Rev. Clyde C. Bryan and the said Church hereby gives him its highest recommendation.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the First Baptist Church extend its gratitude and appreciation to Mrs. Clyde C. Bryan for outstanding service rendered to the church and its members personally.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That a copy of these resolutions be incorporated in the Minutes of the Church, a copy be given to Bro. Bryan, and a copy be sent to the First Baptist Church at Hattiesburg, Mississippi.

V. G. HAWKINS, Moderator
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Revival Fires in Home Missions

By John Caylor

From every quarter home mission reports are showing the fruits of kindling revival fires. The influence of Dr. C. E. Matthews and a strong corps of evangelists associated with him in the various states is being felt both in local church interest and on the mission field as revival fires are glowing more brightly than ever before.

THE 1950 CRUSADE

Practically all of the preachers among the 744 home missionaries including staff members from the headquarters office are engaged for crusade revivals April 9-23. Brethren Dowis, Carter, and Brown are scheduled for campaigns in California; Caylor and Martin in Louisiana; Redford and Halbeck in Missouri; Carpenter and Van Royen in Arkansas; and other members of the Atlanta headquarters staff in various places.

The evangelistic staff will be directing crusades.

Porter Routh's estimated report on baptisms for 1949 with figures ranging above 326,000 is most encouraging. We expect 1950 baptisms to be a record also.

HOME MISSIONARIES IN THE BAHAMAS

Rev. Guy Bellamy, secretary of Negro work for the Home Mission Board, led a party of evangelists and missionaries into the Bahama Islands for a week of revival. In February of last year Rev. Ernest Simmons of Nassau was in St. Augustine, Florida, when Secretary Bellamy called on a Negro leader in that city concerning the program in Florida. Brother Bellamy discovered that Brother Simmons was looking for help from the Southern Baptist Convention and was inquiring of his friend what direction to take. This providential meeting led to the invitations which took to the Bahama Islands besides Secretary Bellamy, Dr. J. B. Rounds, superintendent of Indian work for the Home Mission Board, Dr. Albert Kondy of Pawhuska, Oklahoma, and E. L. Smith, Harold Lassiter, Leland Hall, and Thurmond Jordan of Oklahoma City, Oklahoma. The eight-day visit of the Oklahoma brethren resulted in a genuine revival.

On the day the party arrived in Nassau, January 7, a service was conducted in the capital city and some 15 conversions resulted. In the concluding service one week later on January 15, Dr. Kondy spoke to around 4,000 people in which service 100 or more came forward confessing Christ. There was a total of 500 confessions of faith during the eight days of the American's visit. Their ministry was to the Negroes, numbering 85,000 in the islands. Whites are estimated at 6,000 in the area.

The Oklahoma party was received by Governor D. L. Evans, successor to the Duke of Windsor, and was extended every courtesy. Oklahomans sent 4,500 pounds of clothing to be distributed among the natives in the Bahamas.

It was found that there were 300 Negro Baptist churches with 29,000 members, and the churches are affiliated with National Conventions in the States. Baptist leaders representing the five factions among the churches were successfully united under the leadership of Missionary Bellamy and jointly requested that the secretary seek help for them from the Southern Baptist Convention in providing leadership to unite their forces in a definite program of evangelism, enlistment, and training.

Upon receiving the report from the party, Dr. Lawrence expressed the hope that the Annie W. Armstrong offering, February 27 to March 3, might provide additional funds so this specific need could be met.

REVIVAL IN HAVANA

Rev. C. Y. Dossey, of the department of evangelism of the Home Mission Board, and A. Lopez Munoz, secretary of evangelism for Cuba, worked together in directing a simultaneous campaign in the 14 Baptist churches and missions in the Havana Province of Cuba

in December. There were 1,060 professions of faith. The 69 baptisms reported for the crusade represent the number approved and ready for the ordinance. Others will be baptized later after sufficient instructions and developments according to the Cuban policy among Baptist churches.

KINDLING FOR REVIVAL FIRES

Dr. Lawrence has received word from Revell Publishing Company that the publishers are releasing March 1 a new volume of his sermons. These are choice radio messages picked out of the Good News Hour messages which have been going out for a number of years over more than 50 stations scattered throughout Southern Baptist Convention territory. This will be Dr. Lawrence's twentieth book released by various publishers.

HELP THOSE WOMEN

The Annie W. Armstrong offering for home missions is a part of the Cooperative Program, recommended by the Executive Committee and approved by the Southern Baptist Convention. One-third of the operating budget is dependent upon that one week of offerings. Leaders in all the churches are encouraged to help the women prepare for that week of special offerings for home missions. If the goal of \$800,000.00 is reached home mission work will be greatly benefited. If the offering does not reach expectations no advancement can be made.

SOUTHERN BAPTIST HOME MISSIONS

While Woman's Missionary Union is promoting subscriptions to *Southern Baptist Home Missions* it will be a good time for pastors and other leaders to join in the encouragement of all church members to subscribe to the home mission magazine. Churches may order copies of the magazine sent in bundles to the church at three cents each per month for any number, mailed to and paid for by the church.

EAST TENNESSEE NEWS

By R. W. Prevost

Avondale Baptist Church, Chattanooga, Ralph Fields, pastor, had B. Carroll Carter, pastor of the Maple Street Baptist Church, Rome, Georgia, in a Bible conference January 9 to 13.

Dr. Griffin Henderson, formerly pastor of the First Baptist Church, Murfreesboro and now secretary of the Baptist Student Union at the University of Tennessee, Knoxville, supplied the pulpit of the First Church, Knoxville, Sunday, January 15.

Knox County Baptists have announced an association-wide school of missions for November 5-10, 1950.

James M. Windham, pastor, First Baptist Church, Maryville, has announced a series of Wednesday evening topics based on the themes portrayed by the church windows.

At the recent quarterly conference of the First Baptist Church, Knoxville, Henry J. Stokes, Jr., pastor, the Sunday school reported an average of 1003 in attendance for the October-December quarter.

White Oak Baptist Church, Chattanooga, has announced the broadcast of its morning services at 11 o'clock, E. S. T. each Sunday. James A. Park is the pastor.

BOOK REVIEWS

ROBERT G. LEE, *A Chosen Vessel*. By Schuyler English. Published by Zondervan Publishing House, Grand Rapids; 448 p \$3.50.

An appealing, full-length, biographical portrait of Robert G. Lee which covers his early life and hardships in a manner which deepens admiration for his great stature as a chosen vessel to deliver God's Word.

The author had access to materials hitherto unpublished concerning Dr. Lee's early South Carolina share-cropper days and develops this in a fashion which lends accentuation to the greatness of the accomplishments of Baptist's foremost preacher.

Assent from the biographee for the publication of his moving "rags-to-riches" experience came reluctantly and was finally given when he was assured that the story of his life should prove an inspiration to young men and women who give themselves wholly to the Lord. This it does very nobly. At the outset Dr. Lee stated, "As God knows my heart and life, I want this biography to be an inspiration to poor boys and girls with little advantage to plant their feet on higher ground—and work and live that Christ should be glorified in them as the sun is glorified in the flower."

The volume contains "Pay Day—Some Days"—one of Dr. Lee's most widely appreciated sermons.

Dr. Lee's brilliance and the intimate working of God's leadership in his life shines through the apparently hastily prepared manuscript. Over fifty illustrations enhance the depiction. —FRED W. N.

TEMPTATION, by Headley B. Gilbert. Math Van Nort and Company, Dallas, Texas. Copyright 1949 by the publishers. 87 pages \$2.00.

On the jacket the publishers say: "In this classical treatise are to be found thoughts akin to those of the thinkers and philosophers of ages past, which when read thoughtfully and prayerfully, leaves one with no contrary argument."

The chapter headings give the course of the thought. These are: "Temptation as Reflected Through Great Literature"; "Bypaths of Temptation—Smoking"; "Bypaths of Temptation—Legalizing Evil"; "Deliver Us From Evil"; "Parental Guidance—An Atomic Force Against Temptation"; and "Out from the Shadows—By Faith, Hope and Prayer."

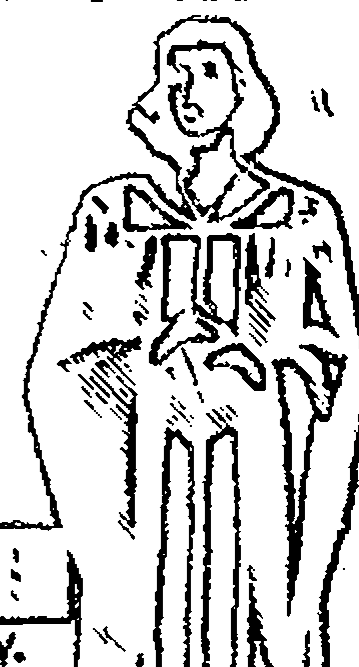
Temptation is forcefully written. The thought is gripping. And the reading of it is fortifying force against temptation to evil. It is a fine book.—O. W. TAYLOR

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